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SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION

(BASED ON PCT/JP05/01775)

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FOR: NEGATIVE ELECTRODE

MATERIAL FOR LITHIUM

SECONDARY BATTERY, METHOD

FOR PRODUCING SAME, NEGATIVE ELECTRODE FOR LITHIUM SECONDARY BATTERY USING SAME, AND LITHIUM

SECONDARY BATTERY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.